Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments

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21 Applicants Being Considered for Two Vacancies on the Maricopa County Superior Court

PHOENIX - The Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments has received notice of a new vacancy on the Superior Court in Maricopa County created by the appointment of Judge Alison S. Bachus as a U.S Magistrate Judge for the District of Arizona. Judge Bachus' vacancy will be combined with the current vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Theodore Campagnolo.

The public is invited to comment on the 21 applicants being considered for these vacancies. The applicants are:

- Heather A. Baker-Mushkatel
- Christian J. Bell
- Shanda A. "Jay" Calhoun
- Harla M. Davison
- Marv F. Drever
- Jessica J. Fotinos
- Mayra J. Galindo
- Dee R. Giles
- Gregory J. Gnepper
- Saman J. Golestan
- Lauren R. Guyton

- Michael Kielsky
- Eric K. Knobloch
- Brian J. Palmer
- Ashley B. Rahaman
- Suzanne J. Reed
- Brian P. Utsey
- Annielaurie Van Wie
- Dawn R. Walton
- Paula A. Williams
- William R. Wingard

Applications can be viewed online at the Commission's website, azcourts.gov/jnc.

The Commission will review applications and hear comments at a public meeting on Apr. 24, 2023. Meeting details will be on the public meeting notice. The public meeting notice and meeting agenda will be posted on the Commission's website at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Citizens may address the Commission on the day of the meeting or send written comments to <u>inc@courts.az.gov</u> or to 1501 W. Washington, Suite 221, Phoenix, AZ, 85007. It is not necessary to submit multiple copies of written comments – email is preferred. Comments must be received no later than Apr. 19 to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

The Commission will select the applicants to be interviewed at the Apr. 24 meeting, they will then be interviewed on May 19, 2023. The logistics of this meeting will be available after the Apr. 24 meeting. After the interviews, the Commission will recommend at least three nominees for each vacancy to Gov. Katie Hobbs, who will appoint the new judges.

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